

## **Shell Exploration & Production**

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Re: Notice of Intent Submittal for Discharge Under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for Oil and Gas Exploration Facilities on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Chukchi Sea General Permit (GP) No. AKG-28-8100

## Dear Daniel Opalski:

Per conditions of NPDES GP AKG-28-8100, Shell Gulf of Mexico Inc. (Shell) is hereby submitting to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the NOI submittal packet for the Burger S, drill site, located within the Chukchi Sea, previously covered under AK 28-0004. Included in the NOI submittal packet is the Best Management Practice Plan (BMP), the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), the Drilling Fluid Plan (DFP), the Environmental Monitoring Plan (EMP), and the other required documents.

Please note to allow for operational flexibility, the Burger S NOI submittal packet includes two NOI forms, one for each potential drilling unit (Transocean *Polar Pioneer* [*Polar Pioneer*] and Noble *Discoverer* [*Discoverer*]). The current plan is to have the *Polar Pioneer* drill the Burger S. Proper notification, as detailed in AKG-28-8100, will be submitted to EPA in the event transfer of authorization to discharge from the *Polar Pioneer* to the *Discoverer* is requested for Burger S.

Due to file size of the NOI submittal packet, it is provided digitally on the enclosed CD. Please coordinate any requests for additional information through me at (907) 646-7112 or at <a href="mailto:Susan.Childs@Shell.com">Susan.Childs@Shell.com</a>, or Greg Horner at (907) 646-7131 or at <a href="mailto:Greg.Horner@Shell.com">Greg.Horner@Shell.com</a>.

Thank you,

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Cc: EPA- Alaska Operations Office: Oil and Gas Sector